

MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NORTH CANTON
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014

1. Call to Order

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: I'd like to call to order the Council Meeting Monday, November 24, 2014 7:05pm. The opening prayer by Father Tom Cebula, Walsh University. Welcome.

2. Opening Prayer – Father Tom Cebula, Walsh University.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Clerk, will you please call the roll?

Roll call found the following council members in attendance: Cerreta, Foltz, Fonte, Griffith, Peters and Werren. Thus having 6 in attendance.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you; may I have a motion and a second to excuse Member Kiesling, she's running late?

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to excuse Councilwoman Kiesling.

5. Consideration

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you very much. May I have a motion and a second to approve as presented:

Mayor's Court Receipts for October 2014
Committee of the Whole Minutes: November 3, 2014 and November 17, 2014
Council Meeting Minutes: November 3, 2014 and November 10, 2014

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Motion to approve as presented.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Second.

Roll call vote of 5 yes, 1 abstain to approve the above reports. Cerreta abstained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. At this time if you wish to address to council please step forward state your name and address.

7. Recognition of Visitors

CHUCK OSBORNE: 307 Fairview Street SE, North Canton, Ohio. I want to speak just briefly about the council of the whole agenda I guess there's intention to discuss the appeal of the Planning Commission's decision on the Hoover District south parking lot. It has been known actually since about May that even though our zoning codes clearly spells out in plain simple English that conditional use permits can be appealed it was discovered I guess by Mr. Bowles I guess at we have no language spelling out the rules or procedures. I don't understand really that mindset I mean for years this council has had the right to sit in on and either to accept or modify or deny conditional use permits. It's done all the time. On October 10th 2 days after the Planning Commission authorized a conditional use permit for the south parking lot. On Friday, October 10th I filed an appeal directly to Mr. Peters and I copied directly Mr. Benekos and Mr. Bowles. I made sure everybody is on the same page and they knew it. I also asked that construction be delayed until the appeal's heard. Unfortunately that hasn't happened. And it just brings tears to my eyes. You have devastated this whole area of the city. The widespread destruction happened the following Wednesday on October 15th and it's commenced in haste. Per our code I'm allowed 30 days to file the appeal. Obviously 2 days after the approval was well inside the 30 days. Hearing nothing until about October 21st I think which is well into the 30 day period I get a handout from Mr. Bowles this is the procedure we want you to follow for an appeal. So I again I then follow that and I've made sure everyone on this council has received a copy. The time period now the 30 days from October 8th is passed and now you're going to sit down and talk about rules and procedures for the appeal. And I'm sure when Mr. Fox gets his hands on it and writes it however it will be quite adversed to the citizenry here. Then there will have to be I guess three readings I mean will this be even passed by next year? The construction's about over folks. Maybe that's been the plan all along. To see bulldozers pull up right outside your door and start devastating your environment to the detriment of the city makes you feel like a nobody. You don't count, nobody cares. Now I had Mr. Peters out at my house a year ago he told me he wouldn't want to live over there as things were then. I had Mrs. Kiesling out there, Mr. Griffith has never come. I bet I've asked you what a dozen times? Don't give a damn do you? Mr. Cerreta I wanted to show him flooding videos I've seen them I don't need to see it again. I've never been able to make contact with Mr. Foltz. Mrs. Kiesling's been out there. Mrs. Werren

and I can't really single her out this entire council I have not seen one sign that shows me why they are here. You're here for the public; you're supposed to be their representatives. I haven't seen the public represented at all. You're just an arm of government somebody over in here the administration tells you what you want to do okay, we've got to do it. No questions asked. Does anybody ask questions on behalf of the citizenry? Is this really needed? Mrs. Werren all she could tell me when she came out to visit jobs, jobs, jobs, we've got to have jobs. What you're creating over here this city was never designed for it. Your, your entryways and exit ways in and out of this city were never designed for Disneyworld over here. This city has a plan for years and years, decades for improving its entryways and exit ways out of this city. And it would take hundreds of millions of dollars to demo a lot of these entryways and widen the streets and you're never going to find enough parking over here. Never. Main Street out here I've been out here picketing you watch the traffic flows the entire front lawn over here needs to be widened on Main Street. You think Mr. Lichter now is going to let you carve about 10 feet off his front lawn over there? And same thing on East Maple over here you need a right turn lane. This whole square I've avoided it for as long as I've been in this city. What do I do? I drive through the residential areas. I have some pictures here that shows you what view I have now from my home and all of our homes on Fairview and Hartman this is a daytime picture and this is a nighttime picture. It just lit up like Las Vegas over there. I don't need any nightlights throughout my entire house the glow from that whole place. Look at those nighttime pictures why or whose idea it was to put pretty much like you did down Main Street hundreds and hundreds light poles and they have a much higher illumination than the ones on Main Street. I mean its Las Vegas. This was a bedroom community beautifully tree lined streets and you've just let it be destroyed. And now we're going to go step by step and create a procedure which already exists. You have had the right to review conditional use permits ever since that zoning code was approved when I was on council. I wish I was a smart person I would have dug into it I let Kathy Magel just take over my chairmanship. It had been in progress for like 6 years we spent like \$55,000 on that mess. And unfortunately we have a city engineer and a director of permits and development whatever his fancy title is now. Even though he's on the taxpayer's payroll he's working for the likes of a Stuart Lichter over here. They have allowed him to manipulate and cobble together something and everybody's bought in on it and looks what we've got over here. Feel like a nobody. An utter nobody. Mr. Griffith please don't start breaking into a smile. Who was looking out for the taxpayers, the homeowners, the sanctity of our neighborhoods? I'm very angry and if I had hundreds of millions of dollars what I would do I'd go around to every one of your homes and I'd buy the property on either side of you and I would take down every tree. How would you feel about that? All I heard was it's their property they can cut their trees. If you stop and think about it you can't even put a little storage shed in your backyard without a permit and review. You can't even replace your hot water heater without a permit and inspection. And there's a laundry list of stupid stuff that you can't do. You can't have your driveway within a more than a foot I think or something like that 2 feet of your neighbor's yard. And you have carte blanche we gave these people over here the right to just inflict utter destruction on this city hundreds and hundreds of mature 100 foot plus tall trees. And I don't think this is going to be successful over here. People are going to realize there's no easy egress and ingress out of this city. There's no place for parking no matter how much you try to cram it in. If I could break into the most vile profanity I would tell you people really what I think of you. But I'll spare you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, if there's anyone else wishing to address council please step forward state your name and address.

MIRIAM BAUGHMAN: 320 Weber Avenue. There have been no public meetings for the budget. In years previous there was always open meetings that the residents could attend this year's there's been none. And tonight at your council of the whole you will be discussing it and of course there are no public speaks for a council of the whole. And then next week you'll have a special council meeting and on special council meetings you can't speak. So I'm asking that residents be able to ask questions tonight during the committee of the whole as you go through the budget.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: I have no problem with that. Do you guys have you mentioned it before the meeting do you have prepared questions I mean obviously I know you guys have reviewed this already. Do you have specific questions or areas of concern that we might be able to answer those questions tonight? And further we're going to have a special meeting next week we will have public speaks during that if there's any follow up questions after tonight.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Why don't we just have 15 minutes before our meeting have an open session anybody wants to I mean she's absolutely correct and rather than just tonight where nobody knows about it lets just put out a little thing and before we come in we'll come in 15 if it takes more than that we'll take more than that and...

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: I think we should get through the budget stay afterwards for a public speaks. Not during it but after and then come back have another committee meeting before the special meeting next week discuss more on the record then have public speaks before the special meeting. So there will be two times to weigh in. I'm not necessarily saying during the committee meeting but immediately after we're not going to go anywhere we're going to take comments from the audience.

MIRIAM BAUGHMAN: Okay.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: I'll make that motion right now do you want to do that?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Next time we'll have a before...

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: We'll have a committee meeting...

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: So other people can be aware of it throughout the community...

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: We'll have a public speaks before the special council meeting next Monday.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: They can get their point across...

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: You've got two opportunities...

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: That's fine I...

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: I'll make that motion now...

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Do you think that's fair?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: We need a motion and a second for that don't we Tim? (Sure) Yeah.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Excuse me?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Yeah, so we have a motion, we have a second?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: My motion is to have public discussion from the audience after our committee meeting don't adjourn the meeting. Were there other questions on the permanent budget tonight? Once we get to it not during the work session after, okay?

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Is that more productive to have it afterwards because of people...

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: I think so...

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Yes...

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: We're not going to go anywhere we'll just stay here address the...

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: I just wondered why we're on a certain topic if we're talking the...

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: I think there's going to be a lot of up and down I'd rather...

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Okay, that's fine.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, we have a motion do we have a second?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

All agreed to have a public speak section.

MIRIAM BAUGHMAN: And I have another question. Karen just handed me this a little bit ago. But the revenue the projected revenue for 2015 is the final figure on the back \$33,577,409 is that the estimated revenues? (Yes) But then I see on the permanent appropriations that the total appropriations for 2015 is \$44,438,388. I thought we had to have a balanced budget.

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALGER: We do what we have a carryover. You have your carryover plus your estimated receipts because you have to pay resources that compared to your total appropriations can't go over it has to be balance.

MIRIAM BAUGHMAN: Okay, where, where is that documentation that there is a balanced budget?

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALGER: I'm sorry?

MIRIAM BAUGHMAN: Where is that documentation?

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALGER: I have a separate spreadsheet that goes to council.

(At this time Councilman Griffith left his seat to show and explain the printout to Miriam Baughman).

MIRIAM BAUGHMAN: So is the expected revenue does the expected revenue reflect the jobs that are leaving the city? Like the 70 MRDD jobs?

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALGER: MRDD is leaving the city?

MIRIAM BAUGHMAN: Yes, they are. 70 jobs and everybody was so tickled when they came because they said they were such high paying jobs. I talked I know an executive of MRDD and I was talking with her last week and she said they will close a workshop and that was in the paper so they're going to have plenty room to house all their employees without paying outside rent.

MAYOR HELD: If I can comment on that you know when you look at when we're doing the budget Miriam I mean first off what I would do I would like to defer to MRDD as far as how they handle their reorganization. But as you know obviously you learned from somebody within the organization that they're likely to close the North Canton office.

MAYOR HELD: Right, but they haven't made a formal announcement of that publicly yet have they? So, is that correct?

MAYOR HELD: Right, and so and I did speak to the director and he had explained that to me. And so again you know it's one of those things that happens you have jobs that come into the city and you have jobs that leave. And what Karen does is projects a budget which is conservative because you don't know what new company may come in and what jobs may leave. But if the MRDD is to be fully closed for the 2015 year that's approximately \$70,000 in revenue that would be lost to the city. But I think and that's a pretty easy number to identify because we know what they're paying but I think one of the bigger challenges when you look at the revenue for next year and the years to come is the changes that are coming from the state in reference to income tax collection. And even the state auditor can only give you an estimate but that is going to be a much bigger impact on the city's revenue than the MRDD. But again it's only a projection. So what Karen has done and also our finance committee members you know have done and with Karen and also the administration is we project we make conservative projections based on the revenue. And so that you know hopefully the revenue is higher than what we're being you know what we're projecting. We just never want to get into overestimating what our revenue is because it does fluctuate.

MAYOR HELD: Oh I'm sorry Miriam.

MAYOR HELD: That's correct. That's right and you know...

MAYOR HELD: No, you're right when we lost you know just to give you an example when in 2000 our income tax was over \$7 million dollars. And then with the economy declining and the Hoover Company leaving it went down to \$5.4 million in 2010. That's approximately 23% reduction in our revenue I mean it was that was a very, very devastating impact to the city. But what do we do we went from 116 employees down to 91 at one point but I think now we're at 94. And the only thing we can do is you know make conservative estimates on our projected revenue. Considering the circumstances like developmental disabilities but I would still rather defer to them to make the announcement as far as formally what their reorganization is going to be. And then secondly when you look at the post office that's another thing that we have to consider. So but with that in mind you know we try to spend less too.

MAYOR HELD: Absolutely, yes.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, is there anyone wishing to address council please step forward state your name and address. Seeing none we move onto old business. May I have a motion and a second to table Ordinance No. 80 – 2014?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to table Ordinance No. 80 - 2014.

8. Old Business

9. Ordinance No. 80 – 2014 Personnel and Safety Committee

An ordinance amending Chapter 155 Personnel Regulations of Part One-Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton, as amended, specifically Section 4, LONGEVITY, to reduce Longevity from an annual payment of \$70.00 for each year of full-time City employment to a one-time payment of \$35.00 for each year of full-time City employment, and discontinuing Longevity payments as of December 31, 2014.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to table Ordinance No. 80 - 2014.

ORDINANCE NO. 80 – 2014 WAS TABLED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 6 YES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you very much, may I have a motion and a second to read by title only the third reading of Ordinance No. 81 – 2014?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to read by title only the third reading of Ordinance No. 81 - 2014.

10. Ordinance No. 81 – 2014 Street and Alley Committee

An ordinance authorizing the vacation of a portion of McKinley Avenue SE, from the south line of East Maple Street southerly to Lot No. 6989, located within the corporate limits of the City of North Canton.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, Chairman Fonte?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: That's that small piece there by the Y and the parking lot. It was talked about we had our public hearing and I see no reason not to move forward with approving that.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, is that a motion?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: That's a motion.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, do we have a second?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes for the adoption of the third reading of Ordinance No. 81 - 2014.

ORDINANCE No. 81 – 2014 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 6 YES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you very much. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 83 – 2014?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 83 - 2014.

10. Ordinance No. 83 – 2014 Street and Alley Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton to enter into a two-year extension of the contract, Ordinance No. 41- 2012, with Southside Environmental Group for the cleaning of five sludge lagoons and one wash water lagoon at North Canton's Drinking Water Plant.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Chairman Cerreta?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Yes, this has to do with the water treatment plant they have sludge lagoons down there and right now the contract is with Southside. The language allows them for two more years with mutual consent so we decided to move forward with that in our discussion. So I move to adopt under the second reading then of Ordinance No. 83 – 2014. Second reading.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes for the adoption of the second reading of Ordinance No. 83 - 2014.

ORDINANCE No. 83 – 2014 WAS GIVEN SECOND READING.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 85 – 2014?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 85 - 2014.

11. Ordinance No. 85 – 2014 Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance of the City of North Canton to establish a fund entitled Indoor Firearms Training Range Improvement Fund (Fund #334) for the purpose of accounting for the related revenue and expenditures associated with the updates to the indoor firearms training range.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Chairman Griffith?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: This is an item of discussion we had a couple of weeks ago relative to a new concept that's out there which allows us to take a fund create one, put dollars into it and utilize those dollars kind of accumulate those dollars over several years and one of the places that we thought we might try that would be the indoor firearms range. This obviously

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading of

Ordinance No. 88 – 2014?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 88 - 2014.

15. Ordinance No. 88 – 2014

Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton upon concurrence of Council, through the Board of Control, to enter into a contract for administering a self-insured health insurance program for the period of December 1, 2014 through November 30, 2015, for the employees of the City of North Canton, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Chairman Griffith?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: As we know we went through the bidding process which wasn't much of a bidding process unfortunately for the healthcare. This was the best deal that we got and we need to get it passed so that it can be in place for December 1. So I move its passage.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 88 – 2014.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to suspend the rules of council requiring a committee report and three readings for Ordinance No. 88 - 2014?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: So moved.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to suspend the rules of council requiring a committee report and three readings for Ordinance No. 88 – 2014.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules for Ordinance No. 88 – 2014?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules of Ordinance No. 88 - 2014.

ORDINANCE NO. 88 – 2014 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 6 YES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 89 – 2014?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 89 - 2014.

16. Ordinance No. 89 – 2014

Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of North Canton, Ohio, for the period beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Chairman Griffith?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: This is the first reading of the budget. We're going to pass it tonight or at least offer it for passage tonight. We're then committed to reading it three times. Once as we said next week and then one subsequently and with a lot of public discussion input we're going to follow this meeting with a lot of discussion about it too. So we'll pass the first reading if that's possible here and we'll go from there. So knowing that we'll have a lot of input, a lot of input I would move its adoption.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 89 – 2014.

17. Reports – Council:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Reports, Member Fonte?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Okay, we have a public hearing set for Monday, January 5th, 2015 at 6:45pm here in the chambers. And it's regarding the hearing for the vacation or to vacate a portion of the alley being off of McKinley. It's just a small section about 14 feet wide by a few hundred feet steep approximately. And I just wanted to let everybody know it's going to be on the agenda.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Dom, what time is that again?

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: 6:45.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: It's going to be 6:45 next year. January 5th.

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: It's the gentlemen that have the alley and they want to create a shared driveway.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Yeah, it's LaBarba and DiPietro those are two folks. And its January 5th, 2015 at 6:45pm it's a public hearing so be here. Okay, that's it. Oh and Happy Thanksgiving to everybody I wanted to throw that out there.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Werren?

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: No report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Griffith?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: I have two things. I'm sorry in advance one tomorrow night at 7:00pm will be North Canton Area Ministerial Association will host their annual Thanksgiving service it's going to be at Faith United Methodist which is between 7th and 9th in the lovely ward 1. It's a lovely church there will be a good ecumenical service they have it every year. So tomorrow night at 7:00pm I wanted to make sure I passed that along. Number 2, we had some really good discussion this week about our income tax mailing and I'll let Karen talk about that during her report. But I think we think we've got some good innovations there that will help us move forward, help us save money logistically and bring us even more technologically into advance. So I want to publicly thank Karen and Gayle in particular for her work in that respect. That's all I have.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Cerreta?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Couple things here. First of all, I'll update you East Maple Street looks like it's finishing up. There's a couple fencing that still needs to go in it looks like and there's some little things. I think it looks terrific I've heard from so many people on this I want to just read here this is an email I probably have gotten three or four emails just from people I've always known in the community here. It says here "Mark, yesterday I drove down East Maple for the first time and I wanted to thank you guys for such a nice job. It's very attractive and classy looking the trees look so nice now and will get even better as the years go on". But it does look pretty nice there's 30+ trees that we had replanted there so it kind of gives us some depth and those I want to keep saying this because when people donate and do stuff and step up we need to step up ourselves. But I want to continue to let you know that this was Dr. Mike Thomas and if you put if you put a retail price on that it's probably \$20,000 when they put that together all those trees, to actually take out the other ones and put those in. And if you use prevailing wages like we have to do it's probably \$30,000. So I don't want that to go unnoticed. Chad Hockenberry who is Rock Hill Landscaping the Barthel's Garden Center he's the one that put those in. He was doing that in the snow as the snow was coming to get those in the ground. So I want to give those a shout out to those guys the other thing I want everyone to see that the Christmas tree is up. A big thanks to Kathy and Jim at the service center they have really kind of pulled that together and ordered that. I also once again want to announce people who have donated to that because I think this a big deal: Maple Street Commerce, the IRG people this past week I got a call from Carol Smith they're donating \$5,000 to it. Gerry Schroyer from the Schroyer Group that's in the Hoover Company over there is going to donate a \$1,000 of that. So we've got to continue to press forward on that. Also of course we've got \$2,000 donated from the Mathie family, Warburton family, Cerreta family and Esmont family. So those are just an example of things and then Becky Taylor who's an art teacher, a designer, whatever also happens to be my sister will be doing some decorating stuff there with as we get going on Wednesday. Wednesday we're going to start decorating so anybody wants to come up and put bulbs up the bulbs came in today from the donations that were put in probably over 200 bulbs, they're shatterproof, that are different sizes. And then just recently before the I want to make sure that I announce this that Linda and Ron Bozart they were here just before the council meeting to donate they had a box of old big bulbs that they want us to put on the tree. And now see that's exactly the kind of stuff that we need, they, they you know wanted to donate give something to it and they're going to by there and see those bulbs somewhere on that tree and be very, very you know thankful and proud and I'm proud that they put theirs on there. So just want to continue to see we have good people you know it's not all about how terrible things are and how things look terrible and bad and trees. We're doing some things to better our community here. So we want to make that notice and if you see these people I know we're going to put thank you letters both from the administration and council we'll do something special for that kind of thing. So those are the only two reports I have, update.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: I just to backtrack too I was on a tour the other which you mentioned the Schroyers and we did a tour for Leadership Stark County there and we used the Hoover facilities as one of our site tours. And to see the development of what Altercare is and to know the growth that they've had from where it started to now the pharmacy to their rankings

throughout the state. I mean what they have accomplished there we should be so proud to those kind of companies there. And I think that growth is important and it was great to see so many people in that. I saw people from my neighborhood that are actually going there and the business they do there one of the #1 rated companies for employees rank them that. And to have that here it's wonderful. When I walked up and a lot of my leadership graduates said how nice the street looked they love the gate and saw all that was happening and were really impressed with the progress we've seen. So I didn't want to forget that.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Foltz?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Thanks, appreciate your efforts on that Councilman Cerreta. So you're saying we've got about \$8,000 out of a \$10,000...

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: And that was a week and a half.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: I think it was \$12,000 in the end right with the bulbs?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: With the bulbs right.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: That's fabulous.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: That's fabulous.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Wow.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: And Jim did and Kathy did a nice job I looked at the tree and you've got to go look at it because it I thought we needed some type of lift but Jim indicated you build it you build it like Lego's I should say then you come back onto of it. So there's a way that you don't need other equipment to put it up. And it is tethered down with the sewer grate mold the concrete piece that it withheld those winds today 60 mile hour it's not going anywhere. So they did a great job where it is and it looks very nice now I can't believe how nice it's going to look with the bulbs.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: I think Jim said the top came in today the top didn't come in until later. There's a star top that adds a couple more feet to it.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: It's not all up there's still a piece that goes?

JIM DAVIS: It's up now.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: It's up now?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Oh you went up tonight?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Does it have a base cover? For the base?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: We'll have to create something that looks cool.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Your sister.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: We'll figure it out.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Also a thank you to the we had a rec. board meeting, thank you to the North Canton Garden Club they donated over a \$1,000 for the gazebo. We had discussions about it the gazebo decorating at Springfield Township and now that's decorated now over by Price Park by our administrative building. That's going to look nice also. So Jim and Kathy and the North Canton Garden Club really stepped up to make that look nice in that part of town. So very pleased about that. Things are happening it's not all negative as Mark said lets extenuate the positives here. We've got a great community here. We're thankful for what we have across the street. Mayor Held, you know endlessly talked about that which I agree and I'm glad that Steward Lickner donated some money because he should have. So thank you for his donation. He stepped up and helped us with this. So really appreciate that also.

ENGINEER BENEKOS: I just wanted to say the gazebo is lit up tonight. So go down West Maple and take a look at it, it looks very nice.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Has it ever been lit up before?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: No.

18. Reports:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Director of Law?

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Yes, a special thank you to those city employees that did put up the tree. I did see the construction as they were assembling it and it just happened to be on one of those days when it was just bitter, bitter cold last week. And you know they were out there and they did a wonderful job as you said you know today was the test 60 mile an hour winds and it's

still there so they did a wonderful job and I thank them for that as well.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Jim, I did push the button to get across the street and either I missed it or I did not get the it's okay to cross signal. So I actually just crossed. I don't know it's that still you're still looking at that or the company?

ENGINEER BENEKOS: Yes.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Okay, I just wanted to make sure we're still working on that because it didn't work for me and hopefully its working in the near future. The countdown and everything is so... And do we need a to have a committee meeting next week do we need to announce that tonight? We're going to have a special council meeting when... we'll do that final okay.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Director of Finance?

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALGER: Yes, as referred by Councilman Griffith what we're thinking of is this is a large postcard that would go out we'd mail it as opposed to sending the tax forms out. We would just this is just an example from the City of Lakewood and there's a savings of about \$4,000 by just sending this from between postage and printing we could save \$4,000. And it would tell the residents to go onto the website they could pull it down their tax forms and their tax preparers more likely. And we called Lakewood they said its worked wonderfully people are real appreciative and then this could grow into this something bigger as to like the tax forms be filled out and completed online but that's for the future. But for here we'll just send this little mailer out save the city \$4,000 and they could go right on to our website and pull down the tax forms.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Question, could you and maybe I haven't read the complete thing here but could you put on there that they are available here to come pick up or at the library I think you can you can go to either one of them...

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALGER: Yes oh yes and it would also say that you know they are more than welcome to come in and we'd complete their forms for them.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Or you could put that on here that they're available at the city hall vestibule or whatever you want to call it and they're right at the library too when you walk in. Is there anywhere else that I don't know about they're at? Okay, maybe we can have the YMCA put it up somewhere that it is our community building.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: And Gayle said that to piggyback she said she'd more than happy to fill if someone called and said hey, I'm not sure how to get onto the internet or I'm confused or I can't get out to city hall she'd be happy to put an envelope together and send one out to somebody. But we're sending a lot of wasted returns out to people who aren't using them and anyone with tax preparers using them either. So this is going to save a lot of time and effort for sure.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: It's a good idea.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Yep, it's a great idea.

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALGER: But I just wanted you to look at it and like you said Mark we could have you know add to it that would be great. And the only other thing I as you all know that my payroll manager is resigning as of December 1st and so I just wanted to officially thank her for all her help and wish her well. She's going to our with our third party vendor who brought in our software system. So she's young got to leave her go, blossom. That's it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Director of Administration?

DIRECTOR GRIMES: When you're scheduling the mayor will have his organizational meeting next Monday at 6:45 and we'll get that paperwork over to your office tonight or tomorrow. Mr. Brian Hill, our operations manager is in the crowd there he again partnered with Mohler Lumber, Mohler True Value I'm old to have the leaf recycle bags and you know they were able to hand them out. We don't have to hire anybody to do that it works pretty well they gave out over 9,000 of those packs. Anything we have left they stored for us for next year. So it's worked out really well for us and people seem to be using it down there. I too am losing a long time employee Rich Rhodes an operations manager; Mr. Snow Removal himself he's retiring December 31st he's still going to be around he's going to be working part-time still at the fire department so that will probably be the cleanest building in the city as he's working out there. So another thing that the finance director and I are working with we're getting the building department down there upgraded to accept credit cards and pay over the internet they had some training I believe today down there. So we're getting that to make it easier for the contractors and folks using that so that they don't have to come in and do that kind of thing or send money with a contractor the business can just do that with us down there. So we're working on that. And I think that's it sir.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright and Mayor before get to you let the record show that Member Kiesling has joined us. Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR HELD: Yes, as Councilman Mark Cerreta had mentioned about the Maple Street project it looks beautiful. It's really nice. And actually I'd like to recognize Mark for starting it all with the fencing and the pillars. Because this actually started a couple of years ago when this project was going through and we didn't have money budgeted for the fencing and for the pillars and to make improvements in that area. And Mark really singlehandedly drove it through with IRG to get it done. And then the icing on the cake really was the Christmas tree. And he worked with Jim Davis and the other city employees to make the purchase. What makes the whole project even better is you know we had talked about having a goal of having a 100 trees planted in the city in the next 12 months. Well the donation that Mark had worked with Dr. Mike Thomas on started out with 30 trees and they ended up planting 50. It was just one of those circumstances that they were going to plant trees along

Maple Street and then the deal that the landscaper had with the place that he had purchased the trees they just worked it out to where there was more. So not only are those trees planted along Maple but within the parking lot. And you know they're a little bit smaller but they will you know grow to be a lot larger. And then as also was mentioned the Christmas tree was what about \$11,000? Jim? (Yes) A 20 foot Christmas tree \$11,000 that will be able to be used for the next 20 years and how much will we save each year from having to erect Jim a the artificial tree that we normally would have done? (Close to \$6,000) Yeah, so we'll be saving \$6,000 a year and what makes this even better is half of the tree is paid for through IRG that was \$5,000 right Mark; and then another \$1,000 from the Stroyer Group and more to come. And then the donations for the decorations. So we could very well could have the whole Christmas tree paid for then the cost of assembling it will save us you know thousands of dollars each year. So really I'm very impressive. And I appreciate the work that you've done on this Mark. Because...

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: A lot of support, a lot of support.

MAYOR HELD: Yeah, a lot of people have worked on it and but it just goes to show you that when we have you know good intentions and we try to make things better that it does come together. I appreciate also Jim Davis for the work that you've done on the trees. If you don't mind if we could just take a moment here to recognize some of our city employees they're here for the budget tonight. We have Chief Wilder, chief you don't mind raising your hand there he's the man in the police uniform. And then we have Brian Hill, Brian Hill's our water distribution superintendent and Chief Wilder how many years have you been with the city now? (It's over 30 years about 33) 33 years, very impressive. Brian (over 33 years) 33 years. And Mark Leichtamer he's our new water treatment plant superintendent and Mark has been an operator with the city and recently took the position as the superintendent of the water treatment plant. And Mark how many years have you been here now? (Going on 16) 16 and just a lot of experience at the water treatment plant. And then Eric, Eric's back there we all know Eric doing two jobs economic development and permits and how many years now Eric? (Going on 10). 10, okay then we have Jim Davis, Jim is in charge of all the service departments, water distribution, not the water treatment plant the water distribution, sanitary, street department and Jim has been here now (almost 3 years) yeah, almost 3 years. So you know we've got a lot of experience here in the city. I think do we have anybody else here? Chief, you were blending in you were hiding back there I didn't see you. Chief, how many years have you been here now? (Full time 15, but since 1979 part time) 1979, wow, so you've got a lot of experience here in the city and I appreciate the work that you folks do. Thanks for being here and that's all I have.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Mayor. Mr. Engineer?

ENGINEER BENEKOS: Yes, thank you...

MAYOR HELD: And I care about Jim too but you guys all know him. How many years have you been here now Jim?

ENGINEER BENEKOS: One too many. We were fortunate again from SCATS we received we should receive shortly two more grants; one to resurface Portage Street from Main Street all the way to the city limits and one to resurface South Main Street from Knoll up to Rose Lane. That's the section we rebuilt about 11 or 12 years ago. The funds won't come for another two years one to two years '16 I believe will be the earliest we'll be able to do that. But we totaled those two grants is about \$1.1 million dollars, countywide there's a little bit over \$8 million dollars available. So once again we were fortunate and brought home a pretty good share of that. So that's it. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Good job. Thank you, Jim. Madame Clerk?

COUNCIL CLERK BAILEY: I only have one thing and we will be having a sergeant's promotion exam next year probably around January 14th or 15th and that's it. Oh and it's my first Thanksgiving with you guys.

19. Final Call for New Business:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright now for final call for new business I need a voice vote for a special council meeting next Monday, December 1st it will start at 7pm within this special council meeting we will be having the second reading and discussion on the budget and we will be entertaining input from anyone...

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: We'll have a public speaks portion we'll make a motion to include that.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes for the scheduling of the special council meeting for Monday, December 1, 2014 at 7:00pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: We are set for next Monday, 7:00pm.

20. Adjourn:


COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, with that I will entertain a motion to adjourn this meeting.

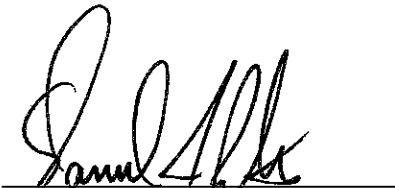
COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to adjourn.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: We are adjourned.


MARY BETH BAILEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL


DANIEL JEFF PETERS, PRESIDENT